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**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

BRISTOL BAY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHRIS HLADICK *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:19-cv-00265-SLG

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SALMON STATE *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHRIS HLADICK *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:19-cv-00267-SLG

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TROUT UNLIMITED,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY *et al.*

Defendants.

Case No. 3:19-cv-00268-SLG

**JOINT NOTICE REGARDING FINALITY OF JUDGMENT**

Plaintiffs Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation *et al.* in Case No. 3:19-cv-00265-SLG; SalmonState *et al.* in Case No. 3:19-cv-00267-SLG; and Trout Unlimited

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in Case No. 3:19-cv-00268-SLG each filed complaints and an opening brief seeking to vacate EPA's 2019 decision to withdraw its Proposed Determination to protect Bristol Bay from certain discharges associated with mining the Pebble deposit, in part because the agency had failed to consider whether those discharges would result in unacceptable adverse effects. Compl., *Bristol Bay Econ. Dev. Corp. et al. v. Hladick et al.*, No. 3:19-cv-00265-SLG, Doc. 1, ¶¶12, 135 (Oct. 8, 2019); *SalmonState et al. v. Hladick et al.*, No. 3:19-cv-00267-SLG, Doc. 1, ¶¶18, 118 (Oct. 9, 2019); *Trout Unlimited v. EPA*, No. 3:19-cv-00268-SLG, Doc. 1 at 53; *id.* ¶¶ 148-151; Pls.' Joint Opening Br., *Bristol Bay Econ. Dev. Corp. et al. v. Hladick et al.*, No. 3:19-cv-00265-SLG, Doc. 48 at 15, 50-52 (Jan. 31, 2020). This Court consolidated the cases and granted EPA's motion to dismiss, concluding that the withdrawal decision was committed to EPA's discretion by law. Doc. 75 at 35-36.<sup>1</sup> Only Trout Unlimited appealed that dismissal. Doc. 77. The Ninth Circuit reversed in part, holding EPA may withdraw a proposed determination under Clean Water Act section 404(c) only if it concludes the relevant discharge is unlikely to cause unacceptable adverse effects. *Trout Unlimited v. Pirzadeh*, 1 F.4th 738, 757 (9th Cir. 2021). On remand, EPA has moved for this Court to vacate its 2019 withdrawal decision—requesting the very relief sought by Plaintiffs from the outset of the

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<sup>1</sup> Docket citations in this notice refer to filings in the consolidated cases under *Bristol Bay Econ. Dev. Corp. et al. v. Hladick et al.*, No. 3:19-cv-00265-SLG.

consolidated cases—because the agency “failed entirely to address” this central standard. Doc. 103 at 15-16.

Plaintiffs Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation *et al.* and SalmonState *et al.* file this notice to bring to the Court’s attention that Case Nos. 3:19-cv-00265-SLG and 3:19-cv-00267-SLG are still listed as active on the Court’s docket, notwithstanding the Court’s judgment dismissing them. Doc. 76. Plaintiffs Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation *et al.* and SalmonState *et al.* understand judgment to be final regarding these two unappealed cases, notwithstanding the successful appeal by Plaintiff Trout Unlimited in its related, consolidated case and, accordingly, are not filing a response to EPA’s motion requesting remand with vacatur, or any further proceedings in the remaining case. *See Federated Dep’t Stores v. Moitie*, 452 U.S. 394 (1981); *Hall v. Hall*, 138 S.Ct. 1118 (2018); Doc. 77, 83.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of October, 2021.

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